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REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to Claim 13 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but also stated that such claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, applicant has amended Claim 13 in such manner. The Examiner is thanked for this allowable subject matter.

The Examiner has again rejected Claims 1-12, and 14-29 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chauvin et al., U.S. Patent 6,008,820. Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection, especially in view of the amendments made hereinabove.

Specifically, applicant has substantially incorporated the subject matter of allowable Claim 13 in each of the independent claims.

A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. For payment of any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NVIDP053).

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